

Purpose

1. To provide the Health and Wellbeing Standing Committee with an opportunity to consider the findings of the Care to Independence Review.

Information

2. In April 2010 the Health and Wellbeing Standing Committee agreed to include in the programme of work a review of the transition services available for young people leaving the care provided by the County Council to live independently in their own accommodation.
3. The review examined the current procedures used during the transition from care to independence including the planning process and the support available. Members considered a number of important issues for young people making this move including financial support, education, training and employment, health and accommodation.
4. Members have now completed the review and have developed a final report and recommendations. The findings of the review will be reported at the meeting and a copy of the final report is attached as an appendix to this report.

5. The Health and Wellbeing Standing Committee is invited to consider the findings and refer them to the relevant decision makers including if appropriate the County Council's Cabinet.

Recommendation

6. It is recommended that the Health and Wellbeing Standing Committee:
 - consider the work undertaken by the From Care to Independence Review
 - agree a response be sought to any recommendations in the final report within two months.

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Chair of Health & Wellbeing

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Background papers: nil